(c) The financial assistance extended by Tea Board under its Plan Scheme for new planting activity in new areas, is as under:

Year	Amount disbursed (Rs. Lakhs)
2000-01	238 11
2001-02	365.00
2002-03	601 67

The amount disbursed during 2002-03 includes committed expenditure of 9th Plan cases and grant for raising tea nurseries

Free trade agreement with EU

†2023 SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the European Union is considering to sign a free trade agreement with India,

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the conditions of the above trade agreement, and

(d) the time frame fixed for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) (a) No such proposal has been received

(b) to (d) Do not arise

Investment by NRIs

†2024 SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that pace of capital investment by the NRIs is very slow

(b) if so, the reason therefor, and

(c) if not, the extent of investment made so far?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi